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BULLETIN OF THE MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY



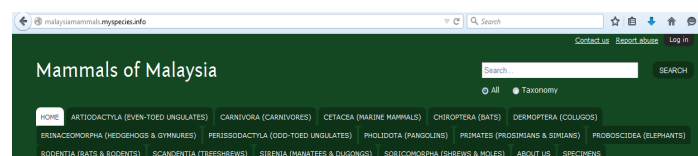
Several commentaries have appeared lately on the worrying state of the world's natural history collections (Nature 518:292). Locally, things seem to be looking up. Based on their facebook page the Natural History Museum, Putrajaya is seeing increased numbers of visitors and the fantastic new NHM in Singapore will officially open next month.

THIS ISSUE:

- Collections update
- Group Visits
- Biodiversity Seminars
- Recent Publications

COLLECTIONS UPDATE:

Catalogues are now online at our website for Frogs, Birds, Mammals (including dry specimens, wet specimens and skeletons), and several insect orders: Blattodea, Dermaptera, Diptera and Hemiptera. Other catalogues are in the process of final checking before going online while others are at various stages of progress.



Welcome to Mammals of Malaysia

Welcome to malaysiamammals for a better knowledge on the Mammals of Malaysia. This website aims to provide regularly updated information about the taxonomy and distribution of Mammals in Malaysia. This project is also focusing in digitizing the mammals catalogue from the Museum of Zoology, Institute of Biological Science, University of Malaya.



If you would like access to our specimens for scientific research, please get in touch. Our current catalogues are simple excel worksheets but we are slowly moving to more advanced formats where we can include specimen images. The Butterflies of Peninsular Malaysia scratchpad is well established and we are now proceeding with malaysiamamals.myspecies.info thanks to initial work by Izereen Mukri.

GROUP VISITS:

December 2014: Visit by students from University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC).

March 2015: Visit by diploma students from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).



UNMC and UM students all enjoying Dr. Ahimsa's guest talk on elephants.

BIODIVERSITY SEMINARS:



December 2014

MEME – moving towards and evidence-based conservation of Malaysian elephants

By Ahimsa Campos-Arceiz, University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus

February 2015

Zoogeographical occurrence regularities of Palearctic Lepidoptera (Rhopalocera) as exemplified by genus *Melitaea* (Nymphalidae)

By Kirill A. Kolesnichenko (Moscow State University, Russia)

Tiny insects. Secrets of being small.

By Anastasia A. Makarova (Moscow State University, Russia)

Progress and prospects in taxonomy

By Bernhard A. Huber (Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn, Germany)

Thanks to our guest speakers and those who came to listen to the talks, especially from outside UM.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Syaripuddin K, Sing KW, Wilson JJ (2015)

Comparison of butterflies, bats and beetles as bioindicators based on four key criteria and DNA barcodes. Tropical Conservation Science 8 (1): 138-149 .

Article on Museum of Zoology research featured as a highlight in the latest issue of University of Malaya Research Bulletin.

